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Comptroller

Deputy Comptroller

Weekly Activity Report

1. The Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller met with representatives of the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, and proposed a change in procedure for handling claims pertaining to lapsed appropriations. It was agreed, in order that the security of such claims could receive the protection afforded other payments made by CIA, that the on-site, cleared audit representative from GAO would review the claim and, unless an unusual problem was involved, would forward it to the Claims Division of GAO in sanitized form for issuance of a certificate of settlement. This arrangement will be made official by an agreement to be entered into between the Office of the Comptroller, CIA, and the GAO.

2. The Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller met with Audit Division representatives of GAO and reviewed with them certain conclusions which they were able to arrive at concerning CIA from material on file (principally payroll checks issued by the U. S. Disbursing Office) in the GAO. The GAO was advised that steps would be taken to change some of the procedures involved and that approximately three months hence GAO would be requested to review the documentation again in an effort to determine the same facts arrived at from such data recently. It is believed that if the changes contemplated are made, at least the majority of data which the GAO has been able to compile will not be available to them. In this connection it is interesting to note that GAO believes they have been able to determine how much CIA is expending each month, whereas, as a matter of fact, their figure is grossly incorrect. The Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller did not reveal to them that the figure which they ~~believe to be correct is~~ actually entirely wrong arrived at is incorrect. D6

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